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TO : MLW, PNE, AWS, MEP

FROM : BCK

SUBJECT: Treatment of Von MENDE on Weekend Visit

1. [] has already been told that while Von MENDE is our welcome guest, the subject of our talks will be Von MENDE's proposals to us for operational collaboration in his field of Russian national minorities or in related fields. Upon his arrival this point will be emphasized by our statement that we are interested in what he may have to offer, but that he must not interpret our interest as a wish to recruit him away from the British. At the same time we will promise not to reveal the fact we have held discussions, through enquiries to the British or otherwise.

2. On this working basis Von MENDE will then be asked to provide written answers to a number of questions we will have prepared in advance and which among others will include:

a. A Lebenslauf, in which the period 1939-1949 receives special emphasis.

b. Enumeration and brief description of his contacts with Russian and satellite dissident groups. His evaluation of these groups. Their activities on his behalf.

c. Enumeration and brief description of such groups with which he is not in contact. His evaluation of these groups.

d. General description of his operational targets and principles. In what respects are these in agreement or contradiction with those of the British?

e. What are his reasons for wishing to break off with the British?

f. On about what scale would he propose to operate from the American zone? About what would he require in payment and operational support?

3. With [] help Von MENDE will prepare his replies to the above between Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon or evening. His material will provide the basis for more definite conversation and eventually a tentative decision before he departs as to his eventual recruitment. Discussion of f. above will include our statement that in the event of a collaboration between Von MENDE and ourselves, our decision on any question of operational policy would prevail.

4. Additions and suggestions to the above are requested.

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